





# INTIMATION **A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED** WINE AND SPIRITS.

On and after the 1st April, 1894, the price of our Wines and Spirits will be as follows:-

## PORT

(For Invoice and general use.)

- B Vintage, superior quality, Red Capes \$ 4.40
- C Fine Old Port, Black Seal Capes 16.20
- D Very Fine Old Port, extra superior, Black Seal Capes 20.40

Port, after the 1st April, is to be sold for a month before being sent out. These wines are to be sold in cases of 12 bottles each. Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

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## SHERRY

(For Invoice and general use.)

- B Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capes \$10.80
- C Mansilla, Pale, Natural Sherry, White Capes 12.00
- D Superior Old Pale, dinner wine, Green Seal Capes 14.40

R, C, and D are excellent dinner wines for invalids and delicate stomachs. D and E are after dinner Sherry, and are superior vintage. All are true Xeres wines.

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## CLARET

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P. M. steamer *Panama*, with the American flag, left Yokohama at the 10th April, for Honolulu at the 28th inst., and may be expected at the 4th inst.  
O. S. C's steamer *Prize*, with the American flag, left San Francisco for this port, Yokohama, on the 26th April.  
O. S. C's steamer *Berigo*, with the American flag, left San Francisco on the 27th April, via Honolulu, for this port.  
The English mail steamship *Ganges*, with the English mail, left Yokohama, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 15th April, at 6 p.m., and may be expected on or about the 7th inst. This packet brings to letters despatched from Hongkong on March.

**MERCANTILE STEAMERS.**  
O. S. S. C's steamer *Prize*, left Singapore the 26th inst., and may be expected on the 4th inst.  
O. S. S. C's steamer *Radar*, left Singapore the morning of the 2nd, and may be expected on or about the 8th inst.  
O. S. S. C's steamer *Toson*: left Victoria on the 5th inst.  
P. & O. steamer *Malacca*: left Bombay port on the 19th inst.  
C. P. & N. Y. steamer *Kinloch*: passed on the 21st inst.  
Northern Pacific steamer *Mogai*: left A. B. C. on the 25th inst.

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**POST-OFFICE NOTICES.**

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The authorized List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published each day in our Extra, which is corrected much later than that given below.

A MAIL WILL BE SENT TO  
Singapore and New York.—Per Port today, the 3rd inst. at 2.30 A.M.

Straits and Bombay.—Per Sture, to-day,  
inst., at 11.30 A.M.

Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, and San Francisco. —*For Peking*, to-day, the 3rd inst., at 3.30 p.m.  
—*Shanghai*. —*For Lyons*, to-day, the 3rd inst., at 2.30 p.m.  
—*For Cheangchow*, to-day, the 3rd inst., at 3.30 p.m.  
—*For Straits and Calcutta*. —*For Lightning*, to-day, the 5th inst., at 11.30 a.m.  
—*Singapore and Mauritius*. —*For Trinité*, to-day, the 5th inst., at 3.30 p.m.  
—*Amoy and Manila*. —*For Swatow*, to-day, the 5th inst., at 3.30 p.m.  
—*Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, and Hong Kong*. —*For Tacoma*, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at 11.30 a.m.  
—*Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama*. —*For Amoy*, on Friday, the 11th inst., at 5.00 p.m.

**LETTERS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.**  
The British Contract Packet *Surat* will be on THURSDAY, the 10th May, for the United Kingdom, Europe, India, beyond the Cape, and the Settlements, Netherlands India, Borneo, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Gibraltar. The next hours will be observed in closing mail, &c.

**LETTERS OF CLOSING THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH MAILS.**  
When the Packet leaves at Noon, the following hours will be observed in closing mail for Europe, &c., by the English and French Packets, when they leave at NOON. The Office will be closed at 5 p.m. the day before.

—*Posting of Prices Current and Circulars ceases.*  
—*Current and Circulars may however be sent by collect if they are tied in bundles by country, with the addresses all one way.*  
—*Magazines cease.*  
—*Posting of newspapers, books, and other letters ceases.*  
—*Mail closes.*  
—*Duties may be paid (from 11.10 to 12.30) for letters for up to 11.30 a.m. which hour they may be sent on board the same late fee.*

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